

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the retired officials for refund of their future debit money;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard; and

(e) by when the amount would be refunded to them; if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Only one Sr. Locc Inspector, namely Shri B.R. Kapoor, retired on 31-10-1994 from Jhansi which lies in the jurisdiction of Central Railways.

(b) An outstanding amount of Rs. 5,000/- towards electrical charges and Rs. 71,775/- as DCRG have been withheld for payment to Shri Kapoor due to his continued unauthorised occupation of Railway accommodation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Arrears towards stepping up of pay have already been paid to Shri Kapoor. The amount withheld towards electrical charges and DCRG can be refunded to the extent due only after adjusting the Railway dues, on vacation of the Railways accommodation by Shri Kapoor.

Computerised reservation centres under the Western Zone in Gujarat

2319. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN:
SHRIMATI URMILABEN
CHIMANBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to open more computerised reservation centres under the Western Zone in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise; and

(c) by when these centres are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At seven locations viz. Vapi Jdhana, Alkapuri West (Vadodara), Palampur, Viramgam, Junagarh and Ankleshwar.

(c) By the end of next year.

Concession to Senior Citizens

2320. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new concessions to senior citizens have been announced;

(b) if so, what are these concessions and since when they have been extended; and

(c) what further facilities to senior citizens are under consideration of Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Based on Railway's Budget proposals for 1998-99, the element of concession admissible to senior citizen has been increased from 25% to 30% and this concession has been extended in Mail/Express fares of all classes and fares of Rajdhani/Shatabdi trains. These

additional concessions have been extended from 15th August 1998.

(c) Government is not considering any proposal to grant further concession to senior citizens.

Residential Details of DG, CSIR

2321. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present Director-General (DG) of Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is staying in the DG, bungalow, CRRI colony at Maharani Bagh or in CSIR Vigyan Kendra, the Guest House of CSIR, Gate No. 2 Lodhi Gardens, New Delhi;

(b) how many rooms of the CSIR Vigyan Kendra are occupied by the DG; and

(c) the amount of rent paid and the number of days DG stayed at CSIR, Vigyan Kendra during 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Director-General, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) is staying in the VIP flat at CSIR Vigyan Kendra and not in the Guest House. The VIP flat has been used as DG's residence in the past also.

(c) DG, CSIR was allotted the council accommodation in July'95 and from the date of allotment no House Rent Allowance (HRA) has been paid to him. Additionally, licence fee in force from time to time has also been recovered from DG, CSIR. Rs. 2407/- per month is being deducted on account of licence. fee from the salary paid to DG, CSIR.

अनुसंधान तथा विकास पर किया गया निवेश

2322. श्रीमती सरोज दुबे: क्या विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) अनुसंधान विकास के क्षेत्र में किये गये कुल निवेश में से सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्र का कितना-कितना योगदान रहा है;

(ख) औद्योगिक क्षेत्र में अनुसंधान तथा विकास के क्षेत्र में यह हिस्सा विकासशील देशों की तुलना में कितना है; और

(ग) भारतीय उद्योगों में अनुसंधान तथा विकास के क्षेत्र में अपने योगदान में वृद्धि करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री तथा विज्ञान और प्रौद्योगिकी मंत्री (डॉ० मुरली मनोहर जोशी): (क) 1994-95 के दौरान अनुसंधान और विकास के क्षेत्र में किए गए कुल निवेश में सरकारी और गैर-सरकारी क्षेत्रों का योगदान था: केन्द्रीय सरकार 64.9% राज्य सरकारें 8.6%; सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उद्योग 10.1%; निजी क्षेत्र के उद्योग 16.4%।

(ख) 1994-95 के दौरान भारत में अनुसंधान और विकास पर राष्ट्रीय व्यय में औद्योगिक क्षेत्र का योगदान अन्य विकासशील देशों के 5.25% की तुलना में 26.5% था।

(ग) सरकार का इरादा अनुसंधान और विकास व्यय में भारतीय उद्योगों द्वारा अधिकाधिक योगदान को प्रोत्साहित करने का है और इस उद्देश्य के लिए सरकार ने अनेक प्रोत्साहन और समर्थन उपाय मूहिया किए हैं। इनमें से उदाहरणार्थ कुछ हैं — आयकर अधिनियम, 1961 के अनुसार अनुसंधान और विकास व्यय पर 100% आयकर छूट, अनुसंधान और विकास की अनुमोदित राष्ट्रीय प्रयोगशालाओं और संस्थानों में उद्योग द्वारा प्रायोजित अनुसंधान और विकास परियोजनाओं/कार्यक्रमों के लिए 125% भारित कर कटौती; देशी प्रौद्योगिकी पर आधारित संयंत्र और मशीनरी स्थापना पर 40% (सामान्यतः 25% की तुलना में) की दर पर वर्धित मूल्य ह्रास भत्ता और उद्योग द्वारा प्रस्तावित अनुसंधान, विकास, डिजाइन, इंजीनियरी (आर&डी&ई) परियोजनाओं को आंशिक वित्तीय सहायता।